



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q78162

Yoshiyuki FUKUMOTO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/697,124

Group Art Unit: 2627

Confirmation No.: 8462

Examiner: Jefferson A. EVANS

Filed: October 31, 2003

For: MAGNETORESISTANCE DEVICE WITH A DIFFUSION BARRIER BETWEEN A CONDUCTOR AND A MAGNETORESISTANCE ELEMENT AND METHOD OF FABRICATING THE SAME

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of October 17, 2006 to March 19, 2007 (Monday).

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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